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Some Virginia Portraits

WASHINGTON

JEFFERSON

MADISON

MARSHALL

LEE

JACKSON

JOHNSTON

STUART

MAURY

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth
of Virginia have caused this statue to be erected
as a monument of affection and gratitude to

GEORGE WASHINGTON

who, uniting to the endowments of a *Hero*
the virtues of the *Patriot* and exerting both
in establishing the liberties of his country
has rendered his name dear to his fellow citizens
and given to the world an immortal example
of true Glory.—Done in the year of

CHRIST

One thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight
and in the year of the Commonwealth the twelfth

The inscription on the pedestal of the Houdon statue.
(Written by James Madison)

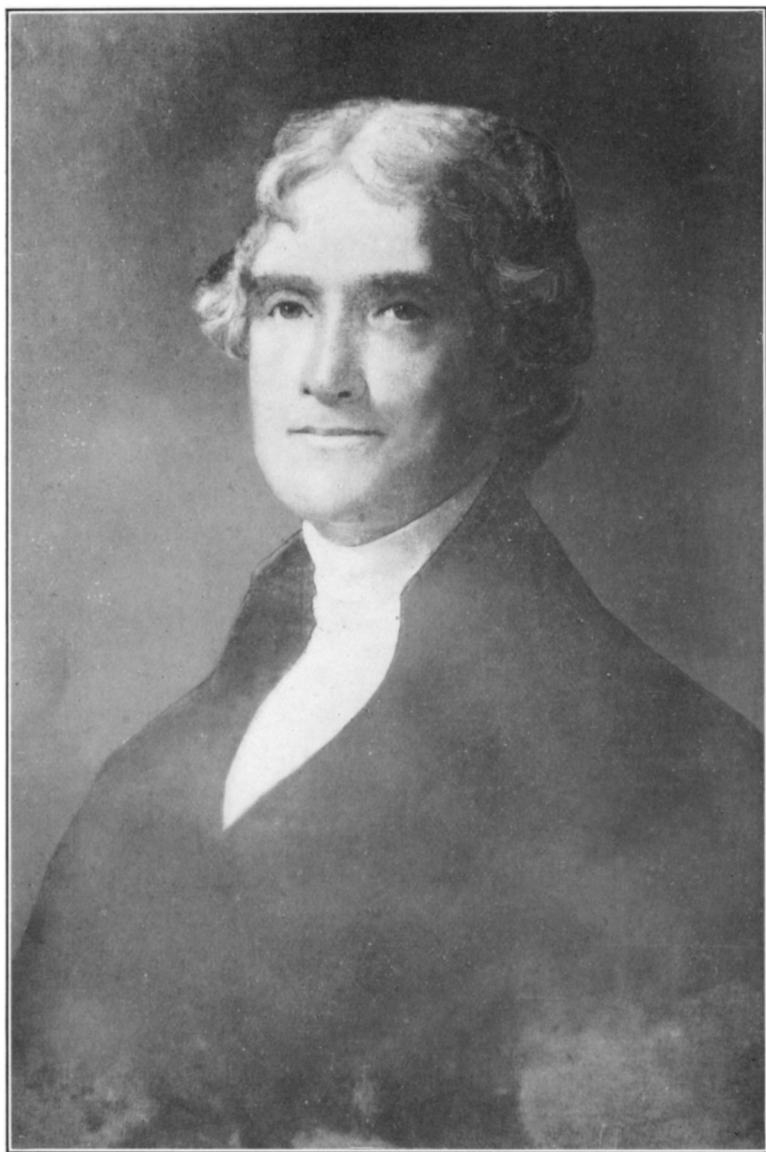


GEORGE WASHINGTON

The Houdon Statue in the Capitol at Richmond

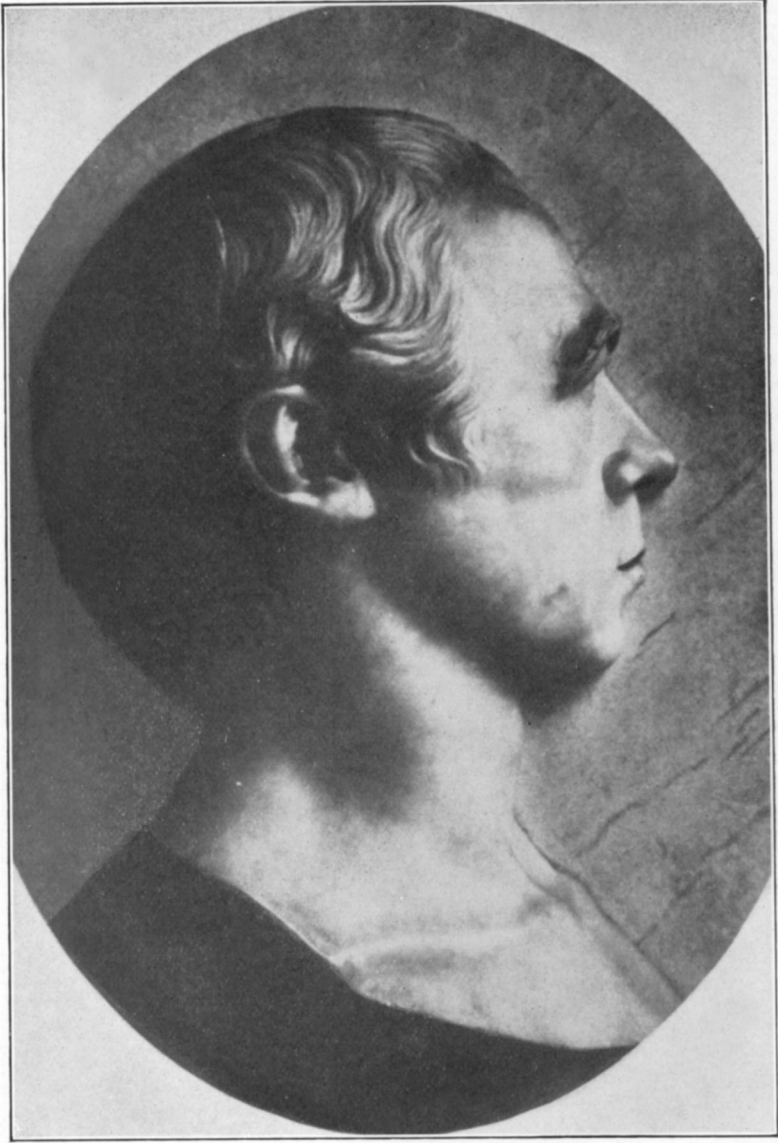
HERE WAS BURIED
THOMAS JEFFERSON
AUTHOR
OF THE DECLARATION OF
AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE
OF
THE STATUTE OF VIRGINIA
FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND
FATHER OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF VIRGINIA
BORN APRIL 2d
1743 O. S.
DIED JULY 4, 1826.

The epitaph at Monticello.



THOMAS JEFFERSON
From Portrait by Gilbert Stuart

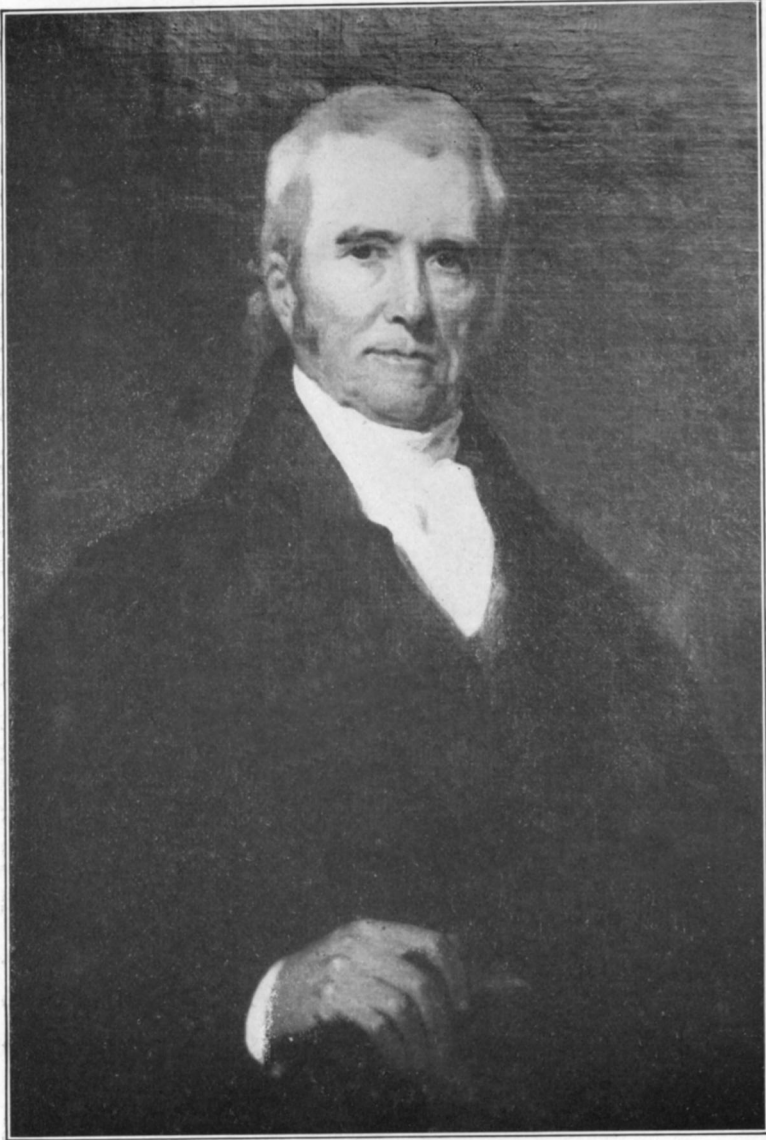
JAMES MADISON
"FATHER OF THE CONSTITUTION"
BORN AT PORT CONWAY,
KING GEORGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
MARCH 5, 1751
DIED AT MONTPELIER,
ORANGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
JUNE 28, 1836



JAMES MADISON

From a photograph, in the collection of the Virginia Historical Society,
of the Cerrachi bnst

JOHN MARSHALL
"EXPOUNDER OF THE CONSTITUTION"
BORN AT GERMANTOWN,
FAUQUIER COUNTY, VIRGINIA,
SEPTEMBER 4, 1753
DIED AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
JULY 6, 1835



JOHN MARSHALL

From portrait by Inman, Virginia State Library

ROBERT E. LEE**VIRGINIA CHOOSES HER LEADER***

Executive Department, April 22, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Convention:—I hereby nominate, and with your advice and consent, appoint Col. Robert E. Lee, to the office of Commander of the Military and Naval forces of the State of Virginia, with the rank of Major General. Talent, experience and devotion to the interests of Virginia, fit him in an eminent degree for the exalted position he is nominated to fill.

It affords me pleasure to assure you upon undoubted testimony, that his resignation as an officer of the Army of the United States, was determined upon, before the passage of your ordinance creating the office, which it is now proposed to fill. I trust the nomination will meet your approbation, and that it will be your pleasure to receive him in open Convention to-morrow.

Respectfully, John Letcher.

VIRGINIA CONVENTION, APRIL 23, 1861, RICHMOND.

Major General Lee entered, leaning on the arm of Mr. Johnson, of Richmond, chairman of the committee appointed to conduct the distinguished military chief to the Hall. As they reached the main aisle, Mr. Johnson said: "Mr. President, I have the honor to present to you and to the Convention, Major General Lee."

The President: "Major General Lee—In the name of the people of your native State, here represented, I bid you a cordial and heartfelt welcome to this Hall, in which we may almost yet hear the echo of the voices of the statesmen, the soldiers

* Copied immediately from the admirable "Memorial Day Annual, 1912," but, of course, originally from the proceedings of the Virginia Convention.

and sages of by-gone days, who have borne your name, and whose blood now flows in your veins.

We met in the month of February last, charged with the solemn duty of protecting the rights, the honor and the interests of the people of this Commonwealth. We differed for a time as to the best means of accomplishing that object; but there never was at any moment, a shade of difference amongst us as to the great object itself; and now, Virginia having taken her position, as far as the power of this Convention extends, we stand animated with one impulse, governed by one desire and one determination, and that is that she shall be defended; and that no spot of her soil shall be polluted by the foot of an invader.

When the necessity became apparent of having a leader for our forces, all hearts and all eyes, by the impulse of an instinct which is a surer guide than reason itself, turned to the old county of Westmoreland. We knew how prolific she had been in other days, of heroes and statesmen. We knew she had given birth to the Father of his Country; to Richard Henry Lee, to Monroe, and last, though not least, to your own gallant father, and we knew well by your own deeds, that her productive power was not yet exhausted.

Sir, we watched with the most profound and intense interest the triumphant march of the army led by General Scott, to which you were attached, from Vera Cruz to the Capital at Mexico; we read of the sanguinary conflicts and the blood-stained fields, in all of which victory perched upon our own banners; we knew of the unfading lustre that was shed upon the American arms by that campaign, that no small share of the glory of those achievements was due to your valor and your military genius.

Sir, one of the proudest recollections of my life will be the honor that I yesterday had of submitting to this body the confirmation of the nomination made by the Governor of this State, of you as Commander-in-Chief of the Military and Naval forces of this Commonwealth. I rose to put the question, and when I asked if this body would advise and consent to that appointment, there rushed from the hearts to the

tongues of all the members the affirmative response that told, with an emphasis that could leave no doubt of the feeling whence it emanated. I put the negative of the question for form's sake, but there was an unbroken silence.

Sir, we have, by this unanimous vote, expressed our convictions, that you are, this day, among the living citizens of Virginia, 'first in war.' We pray to God most fervently that you may so conduct the operations committed to your charge, that it will soon be said of you, that you are 'first in peace,' and when that time comes, you will have earned the still prouder distinction of being 'first in the hearts of your countrymen'.

I will close with one more remark—

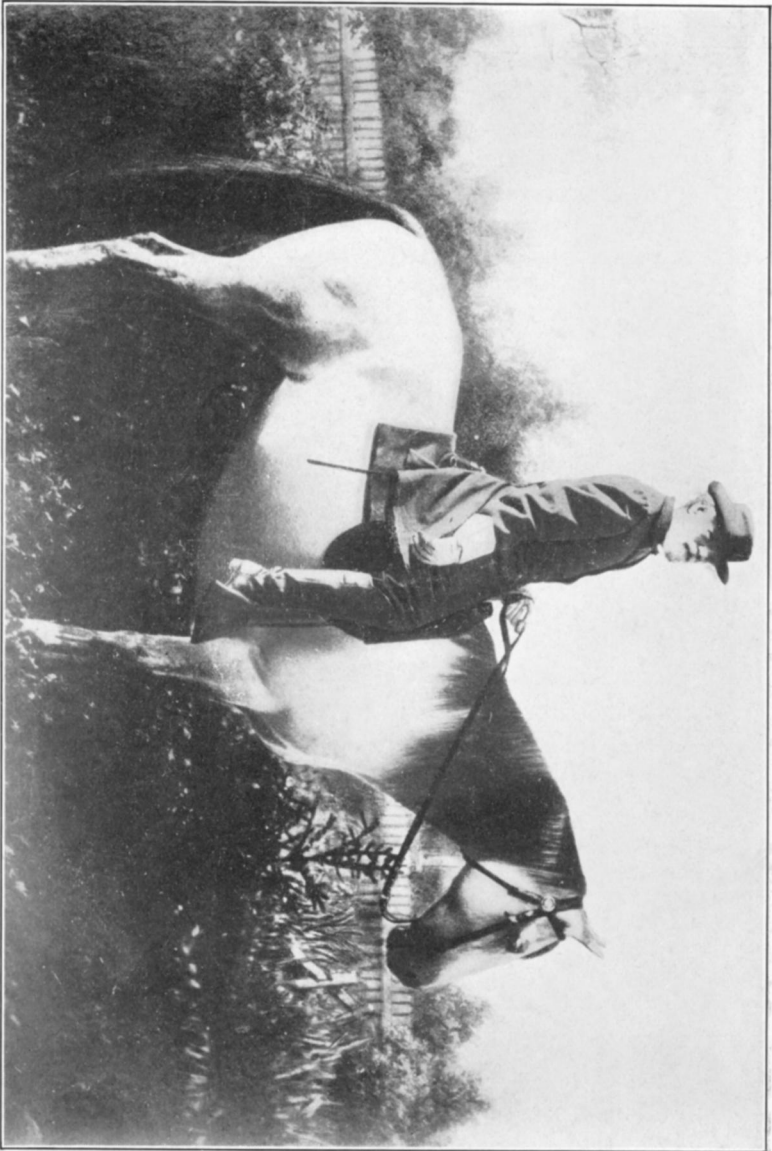
When the Father of his Country made his last will and testament he gave his swords to his favorite nephews with an injunction that they should never be drawn from their scabbards, except in self-defence, or in defence of the rights and liberties of their county, and, if drawn for the latter purpose, they should fall with them in their hands, rather than relinquish them.

Yesterday, your mother, Virginia, placed her sword in your hand upon the implied condition that we know you will keep to the letter and in spirit, that you will draw it only in her defence, and that you will fall with it in your hand rather than the object for which it was placed there, shall fail."

Major General Lee responded as follows:

"Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Convention:—Profoundly impressed with the solemnity of the occasion, for which I must say I was not prepared, I accept the position assigned me by your partiality. I would have much preferred had your choice fallen on an abler man.

Trusting in Almighty God, an approving conscience, and the aid of my fellow citizens, I devote myself to the service of my native State, in whose behalf alone, will I ever draw my sword."



GENERAL LEE ON TRAVELER
From photograph by Miley, Lexington, Va.

Near 3 P.M.

May 27, 1863

General,

The enemy has made a stand at Chancellor's which is about 2 miles from Chancellorsville. I hope as soon as practicable to attack R.

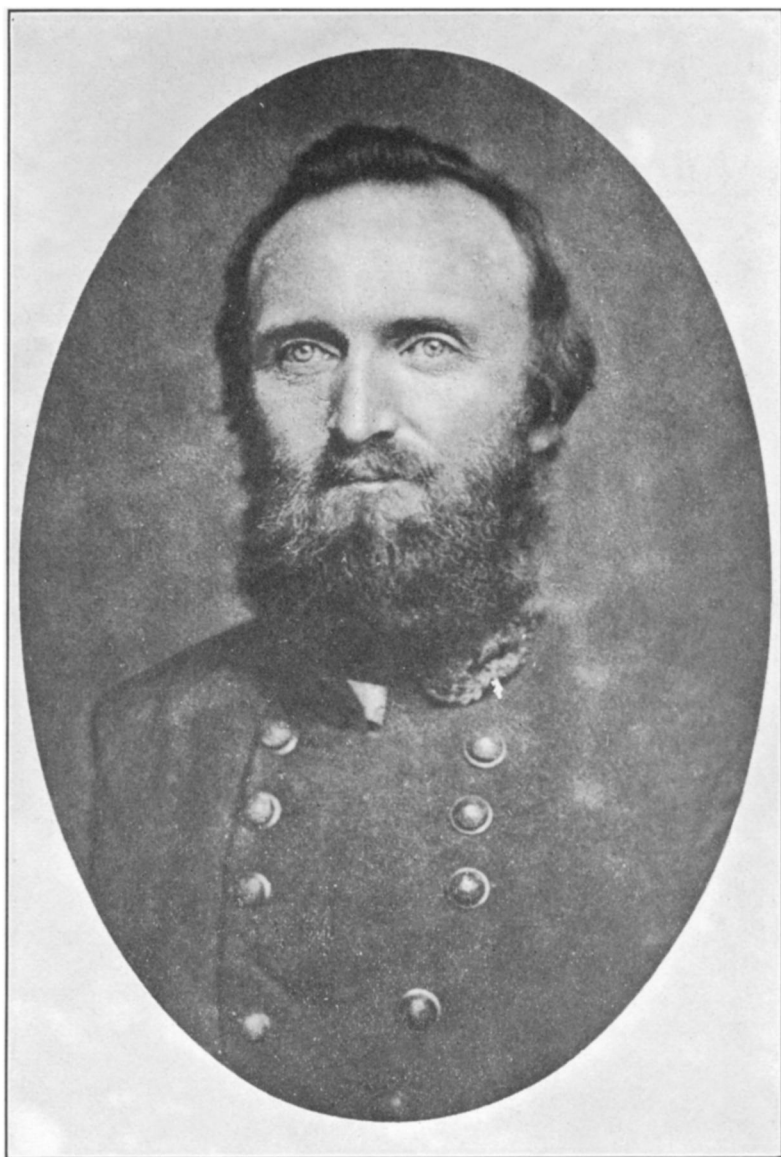
I trust that our ever kind Providence will bless us with great success.

Respectfully

Genl R.E. Lee T. J. Jackson
H. G. Jenkins

The heavy division is up & the next two appear to be well clothed.

T. J.



THOMAS J. JACKSON

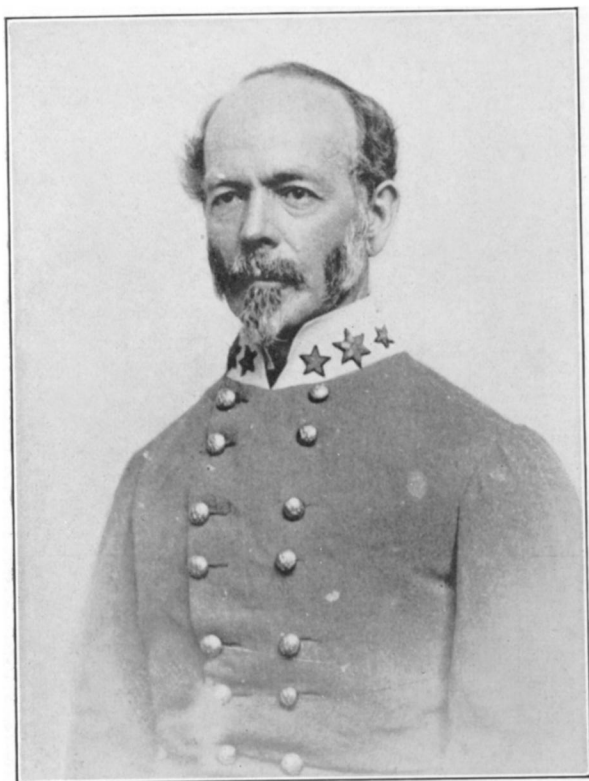
From the Winchester photograph

JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON
son of
Judge Peter & Mary Johnston of Va.,
born at
Longwood, Prince Edward Co., Va.,
February 3, 1807.
Died March 21, 1891.
Brigadier General, U. S. A.
General, C. S. A.

Epitaph

"His men, to whom he came as a stranger, were neither attached personally to their chief, like the Army of Virginia, nor improved in discipline to the same degree as their adversaries. . . . In all these points, therefore, he was at a striking disadvantage as regarded his opponent; yet, with these against him, and but with one-half the numbers of the Federals, he contrived to hold them back, led though they were with such versatile skill and unwearied energy as the records of modern war can hardly match, for nearly two months and a half in the advance which an active pedestrian could have made in as many days. Surely this is of itself a sufficient testimony to his powers of leadership. One day of faltering when halted, one hour of hesitation when it became necessary to fall back, might have brought instant ruin to him and to his army. . . . What he might have ventured had a rasher or less wary commander—such as Grant himself, for instance—been before him, is as impossible to say as it would be to declare what would have been the result to Lee had Sherman taken the place of Grant in Virginia. As things actually were disposed, it is not too much to declare that Johnston's doing what he did with the limited means at his command is a feat that should leave his name in the annals of defensive war at least as high as that of Fabius, or Turenne, or Moreau".

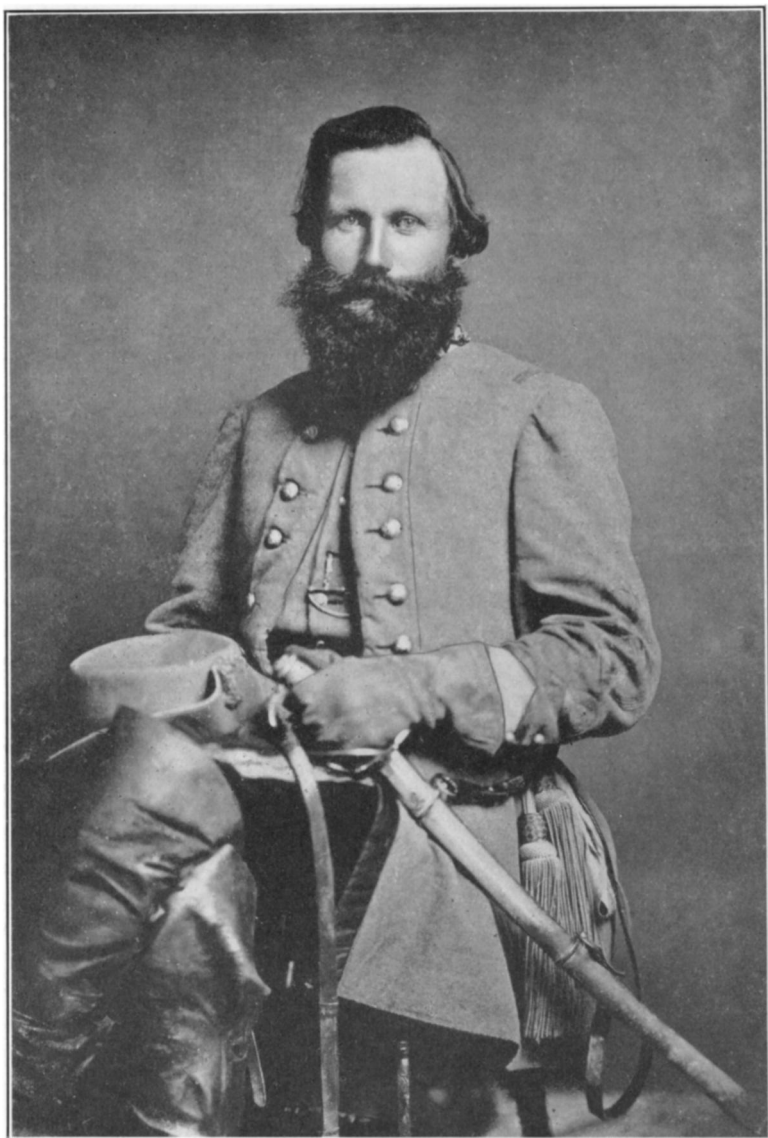
—Col. Chesney, in *Fortnightly Review*, Nov., 1875.



JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON

GENERAL LEE'S ORDER ANNOUNCING THE
DEATH OF GENERAL STUART.

"Among the gallant soldiers who have fallen in the war, General Stuart was second to none in valor, in zeal, and in unflinching devotion to his country. His achievements form a conspicuous part of the history of this army, with which his name and services will be forever associated. To military capacity of a high order, he added the bright graces of a pure life guided and sustained by the Christian's faith and hope. The mysterious hand of an all-wise God has removed him from the scene of his usefulness and fame. His grateful countrymen will mourn his loss and cherish his memory. To his comrades in arms he has left the proud recollection of his deeds and the inspiring influence of his example."



J. E. B. STUART

MATTHEW FONTAINE MAURY

"THE PATHFINDER OF THE SEAS"

Born in Spotsylvania County, Virginia,

January 14, 1806.

Died at Lexington, Virginia,

February 1, 1873.

"As the supreme hour drew near he said to his eldest son, Col. Richard L. Maury, who had been his constant and devoted nurse, 'Are my feet growing cold? Do I drag my anchors?' On being answered in the affirmative he faintly exclaimed 'All's well' ".—*Life of Matthew Fontaine Maury*, by Diana Fontaine Maury Corbin.



MATTHEW FONTAINE MAURY